

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, October 13, 2016*

*-Annual Meeting-*

*Administration Building - Room 310*

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Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair James R. Saalfeld.

**Present:** Commissioners Antor, Bolter, Brieve, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Jones, Kallman, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Ponstein, Shroll, Stek, Talen, Vander Molen, Vonk, Voorhees, Chair Saalfeld - 18.

**Absent:** Chivis - 1.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Antor gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Amy Irish Brown, MSU Cooperative Extension – Thanked the Board for its support of the MSU Cooperative Extension. She works with apple growers in eight counties. Kent County is the seventh largest producer of apples in the United States and number one in Michigan. The Great Lakes Fruit Vegetable and Farm Market Expo will be held in Grand Rapids December 6-8, 2016.

2. Pastor Jerry Bishop, 1050 Fisk SE, Grand Rapids (Life Quest Urban Outreach Center) - He is concerned about the Friend of Court's initiative on bench warrants and collections. The initiative was poorly planned as there was no information given to the community and the officers have no urban community policing experience. The negative climate in the urban communities, as it relates to law enforcement, makes this a risky endeavor. He asked the Board to look at this initiative.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2016, Meeting
- b) September 20, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Establish Public Hearing Date and Time – November 3, 2016, 8:30 a.m.
  - 1) Proposed 2017 County Budget and Millage Rate

Motion by Commissioner Antor, seconded by Commissioner Voorhees, that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Bulkowski, Talen, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Brieve, Kallman, Voorhees, Ponstein, Stek, Bolter, Jones, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Saalfeld – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

10-13-16-88 – APPROVE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING TO DESIGNATE A PRIMARY 9-1-1 SERVICE SUPPLIER UNDER THE COUNTY 9-1-1 SERVICE PLAN / ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Kent County Dispatch Authority (KCDA) is working on implementing Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) functionality to the two Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) in Kent County and is in the process of completing an upgrade of its telephone system that will be able to process incoming 9-1-1 calls over an Internet Protocol (IP) network connection; and

WHEREAS, to move to NG 9-1-1 capabilities, KCDA has requested that the County amend its 9-1-1 Service Plan to change the phone service provider from AT&T, which uses copper wire and selective routers in their network and does not offer redundant pathways to the PSAPs, to Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) and its IP network connection that supports NG 9-1-1 capabilities such as text to 9-1-1, spatial routing of 9-1-1 calls based on device location, video delivery to PSAPs, virtual PSAPs, as well as unlimited transfer capabilities even out of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized under Michigan’s Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended (Act) and under authority provided by its Emergency Telephone Services Plan (9-1-1 Plan) to make administrative findings regarding, among other things, the service suppliers providing 9-1-1 services within the 9-1-1 Plan Service District; and

WHEREAS, Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC and/or its affiliate PFN Next Generation Services, LLC will be authorized and directed to work with the 9-1-1 Plan’s service suppliers, the Michigan Public Service Commission, State 9-1-1 Committee and State 9-1-1 Director, and any other state, federal or local authority to implement the provisions of this Administrative Finding, including but not limited to, the identification for a specific date and time for the switchover to the Peninsula Fiber Network’s or its affiliate’s common network; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Legislative and Human Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, these Administrative Findings shall augment, supersede, modify or replace any inconsistent prior Administrative Findings of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Resolution approving the Administrative Findings shall be sent to each service supplier, PSAP, and emergency service provider in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Administrative Findings that Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC (PFN) and/or its affiliate, PFN Next Generation Services, LLC shall be the primary 9-1-1 service supplier that will provide a network that enables all other service suppliers within the 9-1-1 Plan’s Service District to access the 9-1-1 system and the primary and secondary PSAPs identified in the Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC and/or its affiliate PFN Next Generation Services, LLC is authorized and directed to work with the 9-1-1 Plan’s service suppliers, the Michigan Public Service Commission, State 9-1-1 Committee and State 9-1-1 Director, and any other state, federal or local authority to implement the provisions of this Administrative Finding, including but not limited to, the identification for a specific date and time

for the switchover to the Peninsula Fiber Network's or its affiliate's common network.

Motion by Commissioner Mast, seconded by Commissioner Shroll, that the resolution be adopted.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

10-13-16-89 – AUTHORIZATION OF A WINTER 2016 (DECEMBER 1, 2016) DEDICATED MILLAGE  
PROPERTY TAX LEVY / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller is developing a recommended budget for the year 2017, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures to support operations/capital programming; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary recommended budget includes spending requests for the operating/debt service requirements of the County Corrections/Detention and programming for Senior and Veterans Services; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary recommended budget requires the levy of 0.7893 mills for Correctional and Detention operations/debt service, 0.5000 mills for Senior Services and 0.0500 for Veterans Services; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a December 1, 2016, levy of taxation of 1.3393 mills which includes the levy 0.7893 mills for debt service and operation of facilities for County Corrections/Detention as approved by County electors on August 5, 2008, 0.5000 mills for Senior Services as approved by County electors on August 5, 2014, and 0.0500 mills for Veterans Services as approved by County electors on November 4, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Bulkowski, Talen, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Brieve, Kallman, Voorhees, Ponstein, Stek, Bolter, Jones, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Saalfeld – 18.

Nays: 0.

10-13-16-90 – GRAND RIVER FLOODWALLS AND EMBANKMENTS DRAIN BONDS, SERIES 2016 /  
FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, proceedings have been taken by the Drainage Board for the Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments Improvements for the location, establishment, and construction of a drain project in the City of Grand Rapids known as the Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments Improvements under the provisions of Chapter 20 of the Drain Code of 1956, as amended, pursuant to a petition filed with the Kent County Drain Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board has authorized and provided for the issuance by the Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments Drainage District of bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$10,075,000 to finance part of the costs of the Grand River Floodwall and Embankments Improvements, in anticipation of the collection of an equal amount of installments of a special assessment against the City of Grand Rapids, said special assessment having been duly confirmed by the Drainage Board; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds are to be designated "Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments Drain Bonds, Series 2016," and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6.0% per annum; and

WHEREAS, the Drainage Board deems it advisable and necessary to obtain from this Board a resolution consenting to the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments Improvements project is necessary to protect and preserve the public health and therefore it is in the best interest of the County of Kent that the Bonds be sold; and

WHEREAS, this item has been reviewed and recommended by the Finance and Physical Resources Committee for approval by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves:

1. That pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 474 of the Drain Code of 1956, as amended, the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Kent for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and does agree that in the event that any public corporation assessed shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County of Kent for the amount of any special assessment installment and interest, when due, then the amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary.

2. That in the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Kent advances out of County funds, all or any part of said installment and interest, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Kent, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.

3. That the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to execute a certificate of the County to comply with the continuing disclosure undertaking of the County with respect to the Bonds pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 issued under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and amendments to such certificate from time to time in accordance with the terms of such certificate (the certificate and any amendments thereto are collectively referred to herein as the "Continuing Disclosure Certificate"). The County hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

4. That all resolutions and part of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Shroll, Koorndyk, Bulkowski, Talen, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Brieve, Voorhees, Ponstein, Stek, Bolter, Jones, Morgan, Antor, Vonk, Chair Saalfeld – 17.

Nays: Kallman - 1.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### REPORTS

##### Gerald R. Ford International Airport

Commissioner Morgan: Would like to invite Curt Pullen, Chair of the Airport Capital Campaign, to a Board meeting to give a brief overview of the airport's gateway transformation fundraising campaign.

##### Grand Rapids City Commissioner Joe Jones and Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Commissioner Talen: Recognized Grand Rapids City Commissioner Joe Jones in the audience.

At yesterday's meeting, the DDA took the first step in changing the DDA boundaries to help accomplish the goals of GR Forward, and also signed the development support agreement for the 15- story project at 150 Ottawa (for the next 15 years, capture from that property supports the construction). Also, Commissioner Bulkowski (Disability Advocates) attended the meeting and talked about the 10-year old downtown accessibility audit and the subsequent improvements. The DDA will be reengaging Disability Advocates to evaluate accessibility improvements.

##### Lead Task Force

Commissioner Shroll: The Lead Task Force will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at 2:00 p.m., at the Health Department.

##### Recognition of Webelos - Gerald R. Ford Council Pack 3282

Commissioner Voorhees: Recognized Mike Guswiler who was accompanied by members of the Gerald R. Ford Council Pack 3282, who are working on their civic duty badges.

Mr. Guswiler: The three members present are Webelos II who are working on their Arrow of Light Badges to become Boy Scouts.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

##### Historical Note

Commissioner Bulkowski: Twenty years ago, the Board of Commissioners voted "no" on the creation of a countywide transit authority, which he believes was the correct decision then.

Fire Commission

Commissioner Jones: The Fire Commission meets tomorrow, Friday, October 14, at 8:30 a.m., and again on October 20, at 6:00 p.m. The October 20 meeting will be held at the Courtland Fire Department, where the Fire Commission will “unveil” a new fire truck.

Public Comment

Commissioner Ponstein: Appreciated the presentation by Amy Irish Brown from MSU Cooperative Extension. The fact that Kent County is seventh in the nation for apple production is something to be proud of.

Commissioner Bulkowski: Thanked Pastor Bishop for talking about the FOC Initiative on bench warrants – a critical issue which is impacting lives.

Gerald R. Ford International Airport

Commissioner Vander Molen: A ribbon cutting ceremony for the airport’s viewing area will be held on October 24. More details will be forthcoming.

Commissioner Hennessy: Together with the Airport, Kent District Library initiated the “Take a Book, Leave a Book” program which allows travelers to take a free book or drop one off.


Chair Comments

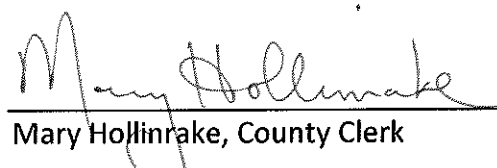
Chair Saalfeld: On September 29, a press conference was held announcing the retirement of County Administrator/Controller Daryl Delabbio on June 30, 2017. He has been with the County 22 years, 19 as Administrator. A subcommittee will be appointed comprised of Commissioners and key stake holders to find his replacement.

Administrator Delabbio: It has been a great journey and, rest assured, the next nine months will be devoted to Kent County - which is second to none.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32 p.m., Commissioner Antor moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 27, 2016, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.

  
James R. Saalfeld, Chair

  
Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk